FIRST SWISS FAMILY NAMES

Abegglen	Durschi	Hanney	Kuhni	Siefert	Osberger
Aplanap	Ertsinger	Hershey	Kummer	Schaney	Probst
Barben	Farrer	Haueter	Mitchel	Sulser	Remund
Bigler	Galli	Huber	Mohlman	Utiaker	Rohner
Boss	Gerber	Hasler	Mortan	Winstch	Schear
Buehler	Gertsch	Kohler	Murri	Zenger	Schneitter
Burgi	Harfeli	Krebs	Naegeli	Zweifel	Shelt

THE GERMAN HALL

The German Hall was built across from the old original school house, where the Dean Zenger home now stands, at 144 West First North. It was erected in order for the Swiss-German immigrants to have a place to worship in their native language. It was also the place where the town band practiced and gave concerts.

It has been remodeled and is now a private residence.



The Dean Zenger Home (Remodeled German Hall)



The German Hall

German Hall



A gathering at the old German Hall in Midway. Pictured are, first row, left to right, Fred Kuhni, Ernest Kuhni, Sterling Morton, William Boss, John Durtschi, Joseph Burgener, Alfred Durtschi, William Durtschi, Huldrich Durtschi, Johnnie Durtschi. Second row, Rose Kuhni, Otto Kuhni, Ida Kohler, Clara Buehler, Alma Durtschi, Alice Durtschi, Emma Durtschi. Third row, Maudie Utiger, Elizabeth Mooseman, Louise Kuhni, Barbara Bauer, Catherine L. Durtschi, Conrad Gertsch Sr., Ulrich Buehler, Johannes Krebs, John Bauer, Mrs. John Kummer. Fourth row, Ulrich Probst, Susan Probst, Emma Hasler, Mary Huber Probst, Mary B. Schoney, Elize Durtschi, Carolina Durtschi, Elize Durtschi Gertsch, Maryanne Zenger, Annie Abegglen, Margaret Stucki. Fifth row, John Burgener Jr., Fred Hasler, Eliza Buehler, Anna K. Probst, Elizabeth Kohler, Emma K. Probst, Mrs. Michael Abplanalp, Mrs. Albert Lockner, Mrs. Fred Haueter and baby, Eliza Ernsberger, Anna Seifert, Maggie Boss. Sixth row, Jacob Baumgartner, Henry Zenger, John Besendorfer, Gottlieb Kohler, Ulrich Kuhni, John U. Buehler, Michael Shilt, Fredrick Remund, Martin Seifert, John Kummer. Seventh row, Edward Durtschi Jr., Fred Buehler, Fredrick Durtschi Jr., Fredrick Durtschi Sr., John Boss, Jacob Probst, Edward Durtschi Sr., Ulrich Abegglen, Alfred Durtschi and Henry Zenger Sr.

by John Huber. The stones had been prepared by Johannes Sonderegger. They were all high priests. At this time there were no other ward organizations of the priesthood. The seventies were organized as a quorum shortly after the Elders were organized in a stake capacity.

During 1885-1886 the first ward organ was purchased at $125. The meeting house had been completed to such an extent that the first meeting was held May 23, 1886; however, it was not dedicated until 1895. There was still an indebtedness of $40, and $50 more was needed for a skylight over the door. The building measured 60 ft. by 30 ft. and 16 ft. to the ceiling. It was built of native rock with a belfry at the south end which contained a big church bell, its beautiful, clear tones ringing out to call the people to worship and tolling on sad occasions for funerals.

